development of the Asian Highway Network is an on-going process with provision made for the revision of the network, once in every five years. The 2nd Revision of the Asian Highway Network is due around the year 2000. ESCAP has already started receiving proposals from some member-countries for new routes to be added or replaced. ESCAP is also collecting road data and information through its own studies based on the ESCAP Asian Highway Database to prepare for the revision of the Asian Highway Network around 2000. The Asian Highway Network component in India has been finalised.

Value addition Norms for Agro-Based Exports

1266. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have modified minimum value addition norms for agro-based Export Oriented Units;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, by when such amendment will be made?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI RAMAKRISHNA HEGDE): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Suggestions, if any, received for change/modifications would be kept in view while formulating the Export Import Policy.

Production Consumption and Export of Mica

1267. SHRI JANARDAN YADAV: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) the production, consumption and export of mica during the last one year;

(b) whether there is any slump in the world trade of mica during this period; and

(c) the contribution of MITCO in the production, trade and giving employment during one year?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI RAMAKRISHNA HEGDE): (a) Sir, the production, consumption and export of mica during last one year is as follows:

(Qty. in Tonnes)

Year	Production* (Crude, Waste & Scrap)	Consu-mption	Export** (Including power waste & Scrap)
1997-98	2766	Not available	30850

Source: *IBM, Nagpur; **DGCI&S

(b) Yes Sir, there has been a slump in the mica trade on account of world-wide recessionary conditions.

(c) Erstwhile MITCO (Mica Trading Corporation of India Limited), now Mica Division of MMTC is engaged in export of Mica scrap (canalised) and mica based products but not in mica mining and production. MMTC's Mica trade turnover during 1997-98 was Rs. 1268 Lakhs, Export of Mica also generates indirect employment at various stages from mining and production to exports. However, the from figures regarding the contribution of such employment is not assessed by MMTC.

Indo-Myanmar Treaty

1268. SHRI W. ANGOU SINGH: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any mechanism for proper monitoring of the Indo-Myanmar trade treaty;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government are aware of the fact that this treaty has resulted in great loss to Indian traders and greatly benefited the Myanmar traders; and

(d) if so, what steps have been taken to benefit our side also?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI RAMAKRISHNA HEGDE): (a) and (b) Indo-Myanmar Border Agreement as was signed on 21st Jan, 1994 between India and Myanmar specifically provides for a periodical review by both sides to ensure successful implementation of the objective and provisions of the agreement. Accordingly it is being reviewed from time to time at Government level talks. The last such review has taken place on 28th and 29th Oct, 1998 at Yangon in Myanmar. During such Government level talks, the implementation of the Indo-Myanmar Trade Agreement which offers Most Favoured Nation treatment to each other, is also being reviewed with a view to enhance the bilateral trade.

(c) No, sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Sector-Wise Exports

1269. SHRI NILOTPAL BASU: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) the export registered by India in the last six months with the sector-wise details;

(b) the comparison of this performance with corresponding figures for the last three years;

(c) whether any assessment of this performance has been made till now;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(f) the details of the steps contemplated towards mid-term Correction?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI RAMAKRISHNA HEGDE): (a) and (b) According to the latest available data from the Directorate General of Commercial Intelligence & Statistics (DGCI&S) the value of exports during April-November, 1998-99 was US $ 21476 million. The Sector-wise details of exports during April-November, 1998-99 and also during the corresponding period in the last three years are given as follows:

US $ Million

Sector-wise details of exports for April-November

Commodities	1995-96	1996-97	1997-98	1998-99
Plantations	556	486	563	640
Agri. & Allied Products	2214	2856	2496	2447
Marine Products	681	747	828	710
Ores & Minerals	738	759	677	522
Leather & Manufactures	1141	1081	1022	1020
Gems & Jewellery	3408	3119	3231	3723
Sports Goods	48	54	54	47
Chemicals & related products	2392	2599	2924	2582
Engineering goods	2255	2481	2807	2349
Electronics (Hardware)	407	519	522	291
Project goods	15	26	62	30
Textiles	4656	5090	5557	5173
Handicrafts	311	325	379	446
Carpets	370	379	386	305
Cotton raw including waste	30	271	206	38
Petroleum products	298	333	286	87
Unclassified exports	222	214	263	1016

Source: DGCI&S